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RE: YAKIMA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH LABORATORY - YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Schanilez:

The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) is pleased to provide a copy of the Certification of Closure for Hazardous Waste Septic Tank System (the original was sent to your Regional Administrator, Ms. Dana Rasmussen), along with the Raw Data Submittal, Quarter NO. 5 Ground Water Monitoring Report, and the Closure Certificate Report developed by Hong West and Associate, P.O. Box 596, Lynnwood, Washington 98046, (206) 774-0106, for Yakima Agricultural Research Laboratory, 3706 W. Nob Hill Blvd., Yakima, Washington 98906, in accordance with the provisions of the Closure/remediation Plan provided to you in January of 1990.

This project is the result of ARS' effort to eliminate potential hazardous waste sites at our Locations under authority of Section 3016 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); Section 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA); and Executive Order 12580. It was undertaken to resolve this location's candidacy for the Superfund National Priority List as a result of its listing on the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Docket.

By earlier correspondence, I had invited you to participate in this project. These documents are being provided to give you an opportunity to review them and comment.

If you have any questions or wish additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Re: Certification of Closure for Hazardous Waste Septic Tank System
Yakima Agricultural Research Laboratory (YARL)
3706 West Nob Hill Boulevard, Yakima, Washington

Dear Ms. Rasmussen:

In accordance with 40 CFR 265.115, this letter is transmitted to certify the closure of the hazardous waste septic system at the YARL site, Yakima, Washington. The closure of this unit was conducted in accordance with the specifications of the closure plan approved in writing by EPA on January 30, 1990. Closure activities are documented in Yakima Agricultural Research Laboratory Closure Certification Report — Hazardous Waste Septic System Remediation, Volumes I and II, transmitted under separate cover. Closure has been conducted to affect a "clean closure" of the hazardous waste septic system at the YARL site, pursuant to RCRA clean closure standards.

Certification of closure is based on our review and understanding of the above-referenced document, evaluation of applicable soils testing data, and site observations of closure activities. Residual concentrations of the contaminants of concern are below the action levels identified in the approved closure plan.

Sincerely,

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